in the relief camps. Assitance of Rs. 25,000/- per family was provided to the next of kin of 4 deceased.

Flood Menace

501. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise damage caused to life and property including roads and landmass, standing crops, etc. by flood;

(b) number of waves of flood in each State and report of scientific analysis about flood menace in the globe;

(c) State-wise amount of relief/ assistance asked for, amount declared by the Prime Minister, amount released so far indicating the source of fund;

(d) whether any policy is being adopted in disbursement of such assistance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) A Statement indicating State-wise extent of damage during 1998-99 due to rains/floods etc., as reported by the states, is annexed. [*See* Appendix *185,* Annexure No. *12*] The States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal reportedly experienced rains/ floods in more than one spells/waves.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The Prime Minister announced assistance of Rs. 150.00 crore to Uttar Pradesh, Rs. 50.00 crore to karnataka and Rs. 200.00 crore to Andhra Pradesh, which has been released to the states. These amount has been released as Plan assistance to Uttar Pradesh and as advance Plan assistance to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. In additional, fourth quarterly instalment of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been released to Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh to speed up the relief work.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the Sabha.

Co-operative Societies

502. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a co-operative society registered under the State Act can get itself registered under multi-State Co-operative Act;

(b) if so, what are the formalities to be observed by such society; and

(c) how many societies have been converted from State Societies to Multi-State Societies during 1997-98, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A co-operative society registered under the State Act may, by an amendment to its bye-laws, extending its area of operation to more than one State convert itself into a multi-State Cooprative Society after registration of necessary amendments to its bye-laws by the Central Registrar is inconsultation with the concerned Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

During the year 1997-98 (1.4.97 to 31.3.98) 7 (seven) societies were converted into Multi-State Cooperative Societies. The State wise break is as follows:

Maharashtra	— 05
Goa	— 01
Assam	— 01
TOTAL:	— 07